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| For: MICROCHIP, KIT FOR EXTRACTING |) | |
| NUCLEIC ACID AND EXTRACTING |) | |
| METHOD FOR NUCLEIC ACID |) | |

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Sir:

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.
Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-024600 is attached. Japanese Patent No. 3220158 relates to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,726,026; 5,928,880; and 6,184,029, and a computer generated English translation is also attached. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-532715 relates to International Patent Publication No. WO 00/36407, and a computer generated English translation is attached. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-503331 relates to U.S. Patent No. 6,319,469 and U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0055812, and a computer generated English translation is attached.

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